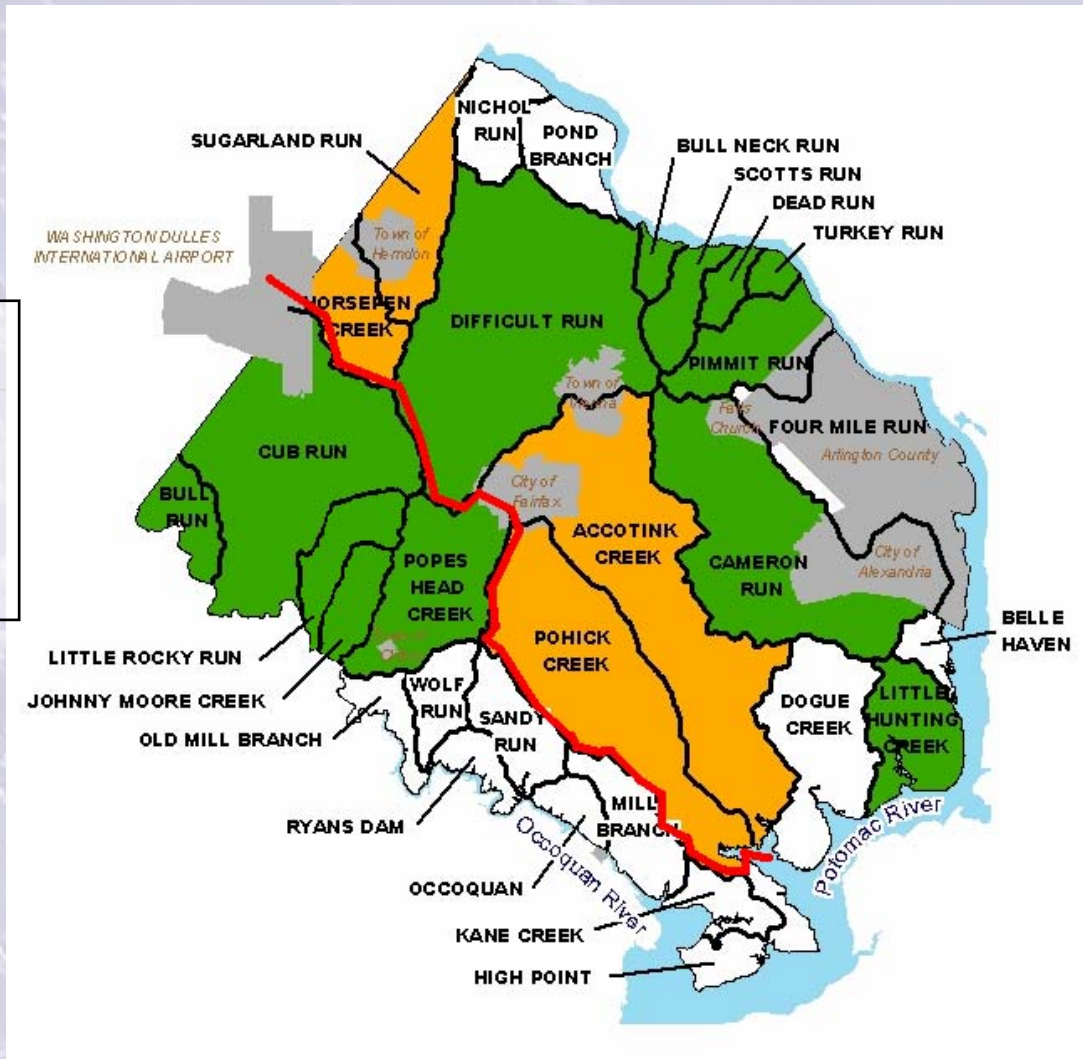




# Fairfax County Watershed Program

- ◆ 395 Square Miles
- ◆ 30 Watersheds
- ◆ 15 Plans
- ◆ Completion by 2010









# Public Involvement Process

- ◆ Committees and General Public Tracks
- ◆ Linking key issues with constituency groups
- ◆ Members represent key constituency groups
- ◆ Committee meetings
- ◆ Public workshops







# Public Involvement Process: Role of Advisory Committee

- ◆ Advise Project Team on key watershed issues
- ◆ Liaison with constituents
- ◆ Provide input for vision, goals, and objectives
- ◆ Assist with Community Outreach
- ◆ Review of the watershed plan
- ◆ Assist with plan implementation
- ◆ Serve as long-term watershed stewards

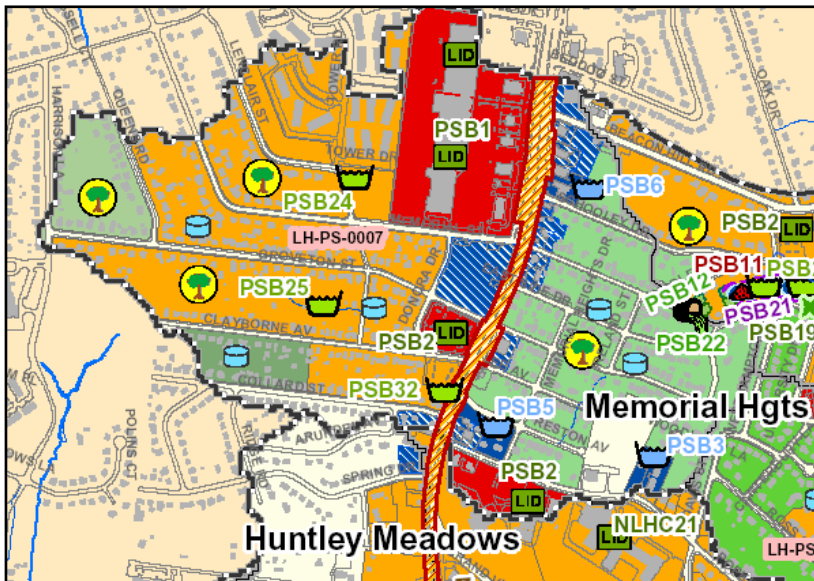


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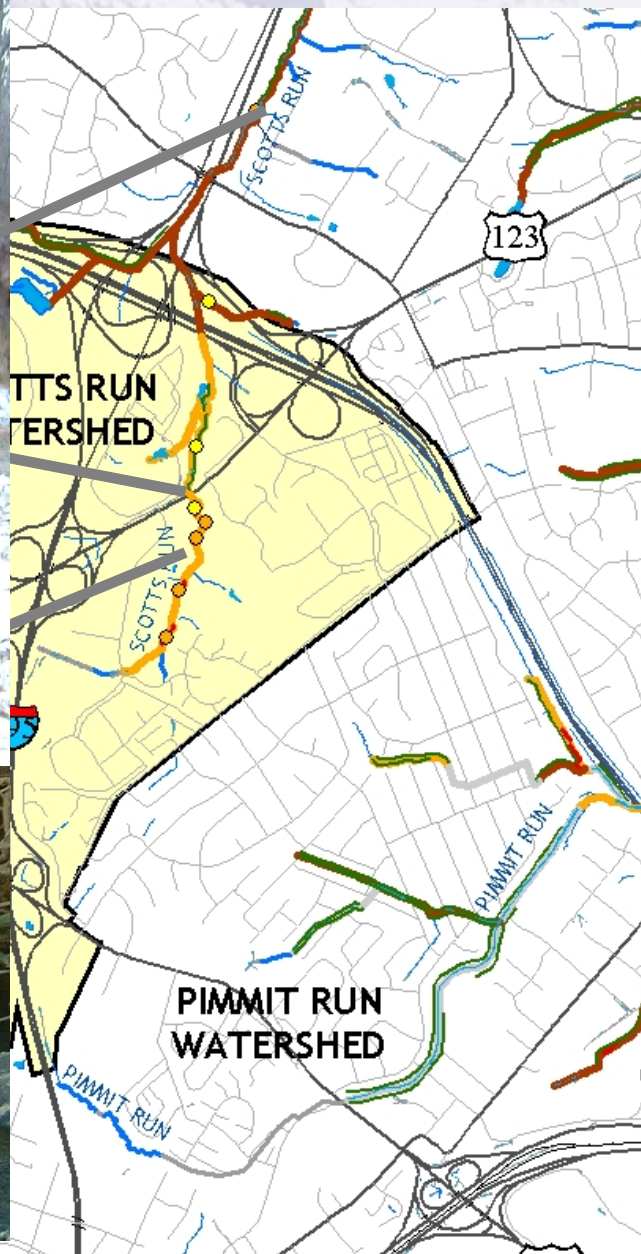
# Public Involvement Process: Public Workshops

- ◆ Watershed Issues Forum
- ◆ Draft Plan Workshop
- ◆ Final Plan Workshop





# aging Tools







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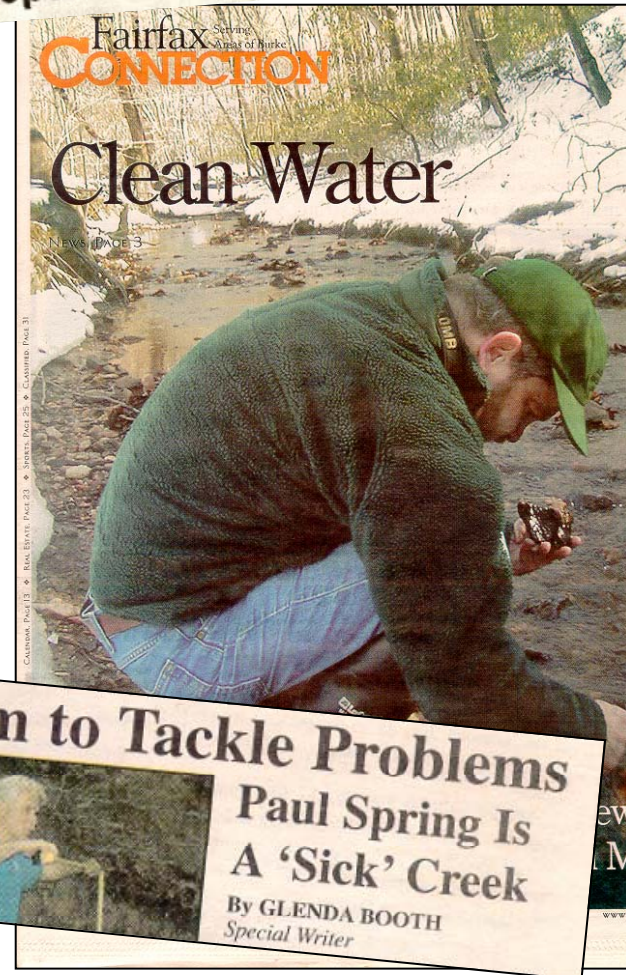
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## Getting the Word Out

- ◆ E-mail list servers
- ◆ Media
- ◆ Newspaper inserts
- ◆ Fliers
- ◆ Web
- ◆ Supervisor district newsletters
- ◆ Word of mouth
- ◆ Partner (Parks)





## Lessons Learned and Recommendations

- ◆ Properly sequence plan development with public involvement
- ◆ Clear meeting objectives and input
- ◆ Member representation and constituents
- ◆ Be flexible
- ◆ Develop and implement countywide communication strategy





# Lessons Learned and Recommendations

- ◆ Get on their agenda
- ◆ Focus groups
- ◆ Be realistic
- ◆ Don't reinvent the wheel





## Public Involvement Process Aspects to Consider:

- ◆ Public Input – what, when, and how
- ◆ Board adopted committees vs. less formal groups
- ◆ Life and role of committees
- ◆ Countywide committee and/or watershed-based committees
- ◆ Planning Commission interaction
- ◆ Partners





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